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JFC Democrats Visit Hsu's Ginseng Farms to Spotlight Trade War's Impact on Wisconsin Agriculture

Wausau — Prior to attending the last Joint Finance Public Hearing on the 2025-27 biennial state budget at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau, the Democratic members of JFC visited Hsu's Ginseng Farms, a leading exporter in the U.S. ginseng industry.

During the visit, JFC Democrats heard directly from growers about the economic fallout of the escalating trade war and discussed how Gov. Evers' budget proposal will invest in agriculture and rural economies.

Governor Evers' budget invests more than \$80 million to support our farmers, including the creation of an Agricultural Economist position that will help farmers navigate market disruptions and volatility caused by these tariffs.

The four Democratic members of the Joint Committee on Finance issued the following statement:

"The current trade war has sent our economy into continued chaos and uncertainty. This chaos doesn't just impact corporations or millionaires and billionaires, but all the hard-working people across Wisconsin, especially our farmers.

"Families can't plan for the future, because they don't know what markets will look like in a month, let alone a year, from now. And across the state, retirement accounts are being depleted, small businesses can't expand, and Wisconsinites are now left to pick up the pieces of this dangerous trade war."

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Wausau is the last public hearing by the Joint Finance Committee. Those interested in submitting public comments to the committee have until April 30th at 5pm. They can do so on the following website: <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/topics/budgetcomments/>.